San Diego County Sheriff's Department Detention Services Bureau - Manual of Policies and Procedures

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SUBJECT: MATTRESSES FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS

RELATED SECTIONS:

IN COMPLIANCE WITH: BSCC ARTICLE 14 §1272. Mattresses

PURPOSE

To standardize the use, repair, and accountability of incarcerated populations mattresses.

POLICY

One mattress per incarcerated person will remain in the cell, or housing unit, at all times. Each facility may establish exceptions for security or health reasons.

PROCEDURES

- I. Housing deputies are responsible for keeping surplus mattresses from accumulating in the cells or housing unit. Deputies will remove and replace damaged mattresses and will advise the facility stock clerk, who will ensure all damaged mattresses are taken to the East Mesa warehouse for replacement. Incarcerated persons who purposely damage mattresses are subject to disciplinary action.
- II. All mattresses shall be cleaned with chemical disinfectants that are healthcare facility approved before being issued to incarcerated persons. If a mattress is contaminated and cannot be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, it will be bagged in biohazard waste bags and discarded with other biohazard waste.